

The OVH ARC Newsletter
OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, Va. 20108
OVH FM Repeaters - 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+ & 443.500+
OVH D-STAR Repeaters - W4OVH - 146.865- & 442.5125+ (now temporarily out of service)
Web Site at <http://w4ovh.net>

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH
membership now!

January 2015

Next Meeting: Monday, January 19, 2015

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings to all and I hope this message finds you all healthy and well and that you have all survived well the many Year End, Christmas and New Year activities.

The Club has its very successful Year End / Christmas party for 2014 on December 14th. Some pictures from that event appear later in the Newsletter.

With the new year, I need to remind all OVH members - who have not done so already - to renew his / her club membership(s) for 2015. The club needs the support of all of its members, and the renewal dues are quite modest. A mail in form to accomplish membership renewal appears later in this Newsletter; you can also renew (and pay) online at <http://w4ovh.net> under the Membership Application tab.

Also OVH officer nominations are now being received; there will a vote for a new slate of officers for 2015 at the February, 2015 OVH meeting. I have determined that I just have too many conflicting family and work obligations right now to allow me to run for president again this year. Please let the OVH directors know who you would like to nominate to run for the offices for 2015, and be sure your dues have been paid so you can vote at the February meeting.

Club members are already quite busy with activities being organized for 2015, including the new BBHN group, the Hamfest Committee and the Field Day Committee. For those interested in emergency services type activities, keep in mind that on Saturday January 17th a training session will be held for the Prince William County ARES cadre at 1 County Complex Court, Woodbridge, Prince William, Virginia, more information at <http://pwcares.org>.

I hope to see everyone on January 19th at our new meeting location, main conference room, Manassas Public Works, 8500 Public Works Drive, Manassas, Virginia at 7:30 pm.

73 Justin KJ4LAS



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OFFICERS

President:	Justin Anderle	KJ4LAS	571-221-3423
Vice Pres:	Clarence Meese	K4CNM	791-6424
Secretary:	Ron Zuber	N4RDZ	206-423-0602
Treasurer:	Terry Erlacher	KC4DV	571-292-1490

DIRECTORS

Don (Butch) Blasdel	W4HJL	369-2877
Arthur Whittum	W1CRO	791-4330
Charlie Dale	WA4YGI	361-3091
Bob Zaepfel	K4HJF	282-2451

WEEKLY FM REPEATER NET COORDINATOR

Thurs - 8:00 PM Local Time	JOHN / KG4NXT	257-3566
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HAMFEST 2015 - Chairman

Terry	KC4DV	571-292-1490
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FIELD DAY 2015 - Co-Chairs

John	KG4NXT	257-3566
Ken	KM4ABL	753-7863
Byron	AK4XR	222-2095

CLUB ROSTER / DATABASE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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EDUCATION

Mark	WA4KFZ	818-8033
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CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

David Meola	KI4AZX	393-6681
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ARES - EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

David Lane	KG4GIY	703-628-3868
email: KG4GIY@ARRL.NET		
Prince William County ARES website	http://pwcares.org	

FINANCE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
Mark	WA4KFZ	818-8033
Terry	KC4DV	571-292-1490

GENERATORS

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
Al	KB4BHB	368-4794

HISTORIAN

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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WEBMASTER — W4OVH.NET

Paul	W4ZB	754-0910
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EMAIL REFLECTOR — w4ovh@googlegroups.com

David Lane	KG4GIY	628-3868
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JOTA

Scott	KB8NUM	365-2642
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LEGAL

Bob	K4HJF	282-2451
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Luther	KJ4FDK	361-4885
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NEWSLETTER

Paul	W4ZB	754-0910
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NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

John H.	KG4NXT	257-3566
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PROGRAMS FOR MEETINGS

Terry	KC4DV	571-292-1490
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QUARTERMASTER

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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REPEATER CONTROLLERS

Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
David	KG4GIY	361-3042
George	K4GVT	791-5956
Russ	WB4HHN	368-6435

W4OVH / W4PVA — TRUSTEE

Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
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SCHOLARSHIP

Jim	W4JTP	392-0150
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SUNSHINE

Theresa (Acting)	KG4TVM	257-3566
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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Bill	N4SV	590-9562
Bob	K4HJF	335-1939
David	KG4GIY	628-3868

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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday. The meeting is held in the Main Conference Room in the Manassas Public Works Building, 8500 Public Works Drive, Manassas, Virginia. Members, prospective members and other interested persons are invited to attend without obligation. Local information can also be obtained through the OVH's FM repeaters on 146.970-, 224.660-, 442.200+ and 443.500+ MHz. The OVH's two D-Star repeaters on 146.865- and 442.5125+ MHz are temporarily off the air due to maintenance work beyond the OVH's control. Up to date information about OVH activities and its meetings is also available during the OVH's nets on its FM Repeaters each Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. or on 80 meters (3710 KHz) LSB each Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. (8:00 pm in Summer) or through the OVH's web site at <http://w4ovh.net>

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Sunshine Corner:

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone!

A very happy birthday this month for Justin / KJ4LAS, Elizabeth / KG4NXV, Randy / WB7RAV, Charles / W4XP, John / WA1STU, Milt / N4SN, Ed / WD4AVU, Woody / N4MQ and Alan / WA2GTT.

Thank you very much to our club members and families who attended our Holiday Party in December, it was great to see everyone. Thank you again for your Toys for Tots contributions as well, wonderful turnout. Sorry I didn't get at least one picture of everyone that attended. Some of the pictures taken appear later in this Newsletter.

Steve / N4OGR made it to the year end party and appears to be recovering well. Best wishes to Steve for his continuing recovery.

Congratulations to Elizabeth / KG4NXV and her husband Nick on the purchase of their home out in Washington State.

A special thank you and way to go to Paul W4ZB for taking care of our club newsletter for eight years now. Great job Paul!

Don't forget club elections are in February. Be sure to renew your membership so you can vote at the election. And be sure to talk to the club directors or officers if you would like to run for office or have suggestions for those who should run.

Looks like 2015 will be another very busy OVH year for OVH members; separate meetings are ongoing regularly for Hamfest to be held in June and Field Day to be held in June. Also, the Broadband Committee is holding regular meetings in addition to the monthly club meetings and the regular weekly on the air nets. Many opportunities to get involved, let's hear from you!

If you have any news that you want reported in the Sunshine Corner, contact me.

73 Theresa KG4TVM email: kg4tvm@hotmail.com

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting December 15, 2014:

OVH Vice President, Clarence / K4CNM, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was held at the Manassas Public Works Building conference room.

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All present stated their names and call signs. There were 26 members and 6 guests present.

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Treasurer's Report – Terry / KC4DV gave the report, motion by Terry / WA5NTI to accept the report, and seconded by Mark / WA4KFZ. Approved as presented.

Membership – Luther / KJ4FDK read in Jeff Flading / KM4FTK and the membership voted in Dean / KM4FTZ.

ARES – Clarence / K4CNM said that ARES will be having a meeting in January, the date will be published on the reflector.

Repeater – Keith / KM4AA advised that the D-Star repeaters are down temporarily while maintenance services (beyond OVH's control) are performed at the Water Tower site. Hopefully, the D-Star repeaters will be back up and working again in March or April. Keith will advise as soon as he has more specific information.

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ said that there would be a General Class licencing class given in February. More information, including dates, to follow.

Scholarship – Clarence / K4CNM said that committee will be starting up in the spring.

Hamfest – Terry / KC4DV reported that the Hamfest Planning Committee could use more help so please come to the meetings to support the biggest fund raiser for the club. The next meeting is in January and will be announced on the reflector.

Field Day – John / KG4NXT, Ken / KM4ABL and Byron / AK4XR are taking steps to secure the location in at the Nokesville Park again for 2015, and will be serving as co-chairs of the Field Day committee. More information will follow.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM wished everyone with a birthday in Decembera happy birthday. Great turnout for the club Christmas Party at the Yorkshire Restaurant and there were lots of toys donated to toy-for-tots.

Web Pages – Paul / W4ZB reported that the club web sites are working well.

JOTA – No report, but no new JOTA event until next Fall.

4H – Terry / WA5NTI is getting calls from people that want to volunteer so it's time to start planning.

BBHN – Clarence / K4CNM said that the committee is selecting frequency and building a package to show prospective hosts for nodes. Next BBHN meeting will be in January and will be advised on the club email reflector. Also, you can contact Clarence directly for more information.

Ken / KE2N gave a presentation on the Allstar Network.

50-50 was \$18 and Butch gave his half back to the club..

Old Business – None

New Business –None

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Theresa / KG4TVM and seconded by Alan WA2GTT. All voted to approve. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

February 7, 2015 - The annual Frostfest Hamfest in Richmond, Virginia will be in a larger hall (than in recent years) at the Richmond Raceway Complex. This is a very popular winter hamfest and is regularly attended by several or more OVH members who often ride in groups; check around or inquire / ask on the OVH's email reflector or on one of the weekly OVH nets if you need a ride. Complete info about the Frostfest is at <http://www.frostfest.com>

March 22, 2015 - Vienna Wireless' Winterfest Hamfest at the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), 8333 Little River Turnpike Annandale, Virginia This has been a very winter hamfest for many years, but this year it is moving its date back by about a month later than usual into the first or second day of Spring, at the same location as usual! For more information, to to <http://www.viennawireless.org/winterfest.php>

May 15 - 17, 2015 - Friday - Sunday. Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Ohio. This is the biggest hamfest in the world. More info at <http://hamvention.org>.

June 14, 2015 - Sunday. The OVH is sponsoring and will put on the annual Manassas Hamfest for the 41st time in 2015. All active OVH member will, of course, attend; everyone else is invited too and we expect several thousand attendees again this year!

SPECIAL SEMINARS, ETC:

May 14, 2014, Thursday. The excellent and very well attended Contest University program will again take place in downtown Dayton, Ohio, for a full day the day before the Dayton Hamvention begins. See <http://contestuniversity.com> for complete details.

SPECIAL OPERATING EVENT - FIELD DAY in June, 2015 - SAVE THE DATES:

June 27 - June 28, 2015 - Saturday & Sunday for the annual OVH and ARRL Field Day event. This is one of the most "fun" events for OVH members who participate as a club in the larger ARRL Field Day over two days during which other clubs and operators throughout the U.S. and Canada endeavor to contact as many other participants as possible from portable or temporary locations using different frequency bands and radio modes. The OVH's Field Day event will be at the pavillion at the Nokesville Park again this year, and will also include food, educational activities and public service activites for all members, family members and the general public, as well as several operating stations. Be sure to save these dates!

OPERATING CONTESTS:

Information about many other operating contests almost every weekend and each month can be found on the WA7BNM's excellent web site at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal>

PUBLIC SERVICE / TRAINING / ARES EVENTS

Always check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://www.pwcares.org> for the latest updates. David maintains a comprehensive calendar for upcoming events at that web site. Complete direct contact information for David appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

A Very Few Pictures from the 2014 Year End Party



[more pictures on page 7](#)



Some Possibly Interesting or Useful Information

1. A lot of OVH members, particularly some of the older ones who remember the 1950's, '60's and/or '70's when surplus radio equipment from World War II was still readily available very inexpensively, are interested in such old equipment. Some still have some of it. An interesting web site with hundreds of photos and explanations about of a wide range of such old gear is at <http://aafradio.org/>. Enjoy!

2. The URL: <http://radioheaven.homestead.com/> is web site of a prolific collector, W4RON, of mostly old ham radio equipment. The items on that web site are well cataloged and the site is filled with pictures / images, many of which appear to have been taken by a very skilled or professional photographer. Enjoy!

3. Many hams are interested in rocketry and airplanes. The following URL to a Flying Magazine web site has some interesting videos; one is of the recent Orbital Sciences Antares launch vehicle explosion at Wallops Island, Virginia: <http://www.flyingmag.com/pilots-places/pilots-adventures-more/top-10-viral-aviation-videos-2014> This October 2014 launch failure is the second of the ten clips at that web site; filming was from a small airplane (a Cardinal 177) flying at 3000 ft about 7 miles away. Impressive and not anything to mess around!

4. In 1962 the National Bureau of Standards published a 54 page tech. note on how to optimally site a HF station. Get your PDF copy of it at http://w4ovh.net/MbrPubs/NBS_TN139_HF_Stn_Siting_1962.pdf

REMINDER



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2015 Renewal Application.

Please fill out the form below (for database), attach your check and mail to the address below or drop off at a meeting. Be sure to update all information, including your e-mail address, telephone number(s) and nine digit ZIP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB" 2015

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CALL SIGN: _____
Home Tel: _____
Cell Tel: _____
Work Tel: _____
EMAIL: _____
BIRTHDAY: _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER? (YES/NO)

ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER: (YES/NO)

MAY YOUR TELEPHONE NOS. BE LISTED IN THE "Members Only" OVH ROSTER? (YES/NO)

WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS? _____

Dues are now **\$20.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2015. Dues for each additional family member living at the same mailing address are \$10.00. Dues for a full time student at the college undergraduate or lower level [list school attended and grade or level:
_____] are \$10.00.

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

Name: _____
Name: _____

Call: _____
Call: _____

Return to: **Treasurer, OVH**
P.O. Box 1255
Manassas, VA 20108-1255

NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S LARGEST

Manassas Hamfest



AMATEUR RADIO & MAKER TECHNOLOGY SHOW

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

The OLE VIRGINIA HAMS Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

(Featuring Youth Lounge Activities for the Youngsters Attending!)



Sunday, June 14, 2015

Prince William County Fairgrounds

Large Outdoor and Covered Pavillion flea market areas, two indoor air-conditioned buildings, several covered buildings and ample parking

10624 Dumfries Road - Route 234 - Manassas, Virginia -- Talk-In Repeaters on 146.97- and 442.200+

INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE

8-foot tables: \$30* each
with chairs & electricity
(\$25 if reserved by May 1st)
Setup 2-10 PM Saturday

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$10* per person at gate
(Age 18 and younger: no charge)
(*See web sites for prepayment discounts before 5/31/2015)
Gates open at 7 AM

TAILGATING (admission is extra)

Outdoor Spaces: \$10* per space
Covered Pavillion: \$15 per space
(*See web sites for details about online prepayment discounts before 5/31/2015)
Gates open at 6 AM

* Online ticket sales and vendor registration at <http://manassashamfest.org>

For our Most Current Vendor List and Ticket Sales Visit our Web Pages:

<http://manassashamfest.org> and <http://w4ovh.net>

PRIZES

- Door prizes hourly 9 AM to 1 PM (be present to win)
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 2 PM

INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers attending
- Virginia Section Manager Forum & other Forums
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- Virginia QSO Party Awards Ceremony
- Check our web pages (below) for the most up-to-date information

ACTIVITIES

- Flea Market & Vendors - all day
- VEC License Exams: 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- "Maker" group technology demonstrations
- ARRL style Youth Lounge programs all day for youngsters - by the OVHARC and 4-H
- D-STAR Operating and Q&A Forum
- Amateur Radio Satellite Forum
- BroadBand Ham Networks ("BBHN") Forum
- Virginia QSO Party Awards and Forum
- More Forums to be announced, check web sites

<http://manassashamfest.org> and <http://w4ovh.net>

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